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In re Patent Application of )  
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Application No.: Unassigned ) Group Art Unit: (Unassigned)  
(Corresponds to PCT/FR00/01612) ) Examiner: (Unassigned)  
International Filing Date: June 9, 2000 )  
For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION )  
COMPRISING NO OR AT LEAST A )  
NO DONOR COMPOUND OR )  
ANOTHER COMPOUND CAPABLE )  
OF RELEASING OR INDUCING NO )  
FORMATION IN CELLS )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1-8 and add new claim 9 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for the treatment or prevention of a disease resulting from deficiency of an adult gene in an individual through the re-expression of said homologous foetal gene, said method comprising using an effective amount of NO, a NO donor compound or a compound able to release, promote or induce NO formation cells.